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3rd REISSUEMLAD'S MATERIAL: PLACES WHERE WORK ON ENORMOUS IS BEING CARRIED OUT
(1945)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No.: 799

26th May 1945

To VIKTOR[i]

Reference your No. 3367[a].

"MLAD's"[ii] material contains:

(a) A list of places where work on ENORMOUS[ENORMOUS][iii] is being carried out:

1. HANFORD[HELEMFORD], State of WASHINGTON, production of 49[iv].

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2. State of NEW JERSEY, production of 25[v] by the diffusion method. Director UREY[UREJ][vi].
3. BERKELEY, State of CALIFORNIA, production of 25 by the electromagnetic method. Director LAWRENCE[LOURENS][vii].
4. "NOVOSTROJ"[viii], administrative centre for ENORMOUS; also production of 25 by the spectrographic method. Director COMPTON[ix].
5. CHICAGO, ARGONNE[ARGONSKIJ] Laboratories - nuclear research. At present work there has almost ceased. Director COMPTON.
6. "The RESERVATION[ZAPOVEDNIK]"[x], the main practical research work on ENORMOUS. Director "VEKSEL"[xi].
7. Camp [2 groups unrecovered] base in the area of CARLSBAD, State of NEW MEXICO, the place for the practical testing of the ENORMOUS bomb.
8. MONTREAL, CANADA - theoretical research.

(b) A brief description of the four methods of production of 25 - the diffusion, thermal diffusion, electromagnetic and spectrographic methods.

The material has not been fully worked over. We shall let you know the contents of the rest later.

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ANTON[xii]

Comments:

Note: [a] Not available.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] MLAD: i.e. "YOUNG"; [Theodore Alvin HALL, a physicist employed at LOS ALAMOS Laboratory.]

[iii] ENORMOUS: Manhattan Engineer District (U.S. Atomic Energy Project).

[iv] 49: The symbol used by the Atomic Energy Commission to indicate plutonium.

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[Cont'd]: [v] 25:

The symbol used by the Atomic Energy Commission to indicate uranium.

[vi] UREY:

Professor Harold Clayton UREY.

[vii] LAWRENCE:

Professor Ernest Orlando LAWRENCE.

[viii] NOVOSTROJ:

i.e.. "NEW CONSTRUCTION"; possibly OAK RIDGE, TENN.

[ix] COMPTON:

Professor Arthur Holly COMPTON.

[x] The RESERVATION:

Possibly LOS ALAMOS Laboratory.

[xi] VEKSEL':

i.e. "BILL OF EXCHANGE"; possibly Julius Robert OPPENHEIMER.

[xii] ANTON:

Leonid Romanovich KVASNIKOV.

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